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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR  
ALLOWANCE**

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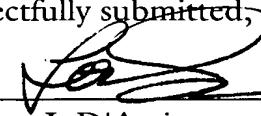
Dear Sir:

While Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance, Applicant notes that the allowed claims define further unique combinations of limitations not found in the prior art. Therefore, the stated reasons for allowance should be interpreted as highlighting only some of the reasons why the claims are allowable. In addition, amendments to claims 1, 12 and 21 in the Examiner's Amendment of February 5, 2004, are for purposes of clarification by merely explicitly stating a feature already inherent in each claim.

As usual, the scope of the claims should be interpreted based on the actual language of the allowed claims, and no further limitation of the claims should be inferred from the Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance.

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